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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

LEE ET AL.

Examiner

Angela Ortiz

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 June 2004.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 6 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4 and 6 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 January 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Biunno et al., USP 6,282,782.

The cited reference teaches the basic claimed method of filling holes in a substrate (300) comprising providing a substrate support fixture (320), readable on the claimed hole-fill stand-off, having a plurality of etched through-holes (340), aligning the substrate (300) to the fixture (320) and placing the substrate (300) in contact with the fixture (320), and aligning the fixture (320) to a backing or support member (344), which is readable on the claimed tooling plate, and filling holes in the substrate (300). See col. 7, lines 45-67; and col. 8, lines 6-7,25-67.

The cited reference does not set forth the claimed feature of utilizing a pressurized fill head.

Note that the added reference does set forth as conventional the feature of using a vacuum assist to fill the vias with the plug material. The vacuum assist draws the air out and allows the plug material to flood the vias. The step of filling using the vacuum assist occurs while maintaining the substrate and the standoff in proper alignment. Note that the vacuum assist is deemed equivalent to the claimed pressurized head, as both are means of providing a supply of material under pressure. See col. 8, lines 30-47.

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize a pressurized fill head as claimed, in view of the applied prior art reference, to remove the air and completely fill the vias by flooding the vias with the plug material.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-4 and 6 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 17 June 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues the newly added limitation, namely the step of utilizing a pressurized fill head while maintaining the alignment between the substrate and the stand off.

As addressed above, note that the use of the vacuum assist is a pressurized means for filling the vias with the plug material. The step of filling also occurs during the alignment of the stand-off and the substrate. The protection sought by this limitation is deemed met with new claim 6; claim 6 has been indicated allowable over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.**

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See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

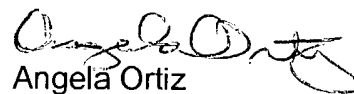
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Angela Ortiz whose telephone number is 571-272-1206. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 9:00-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Colaianni can be reached on 571-272-1196. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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